THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) An estimated 2 lakh vehicles use ITO bridge every day.

(b) About 1 lakh vehicles pass over the bridge during morning and evening peak hours.

(c) About 574 DTC buses operate 5039 trips daily on the bridge.

(d) With a view to ease the rush on I.T.O. bridge, Delhi Administration have prohibited movement of heavy transport vehicles and slow moving traffic on the bridge during peak hours. Besides this, an eight lane bridge over the Yamuna River is under construction near I.S.B.T.

(e) DTC have suggested and has been undertaking the exercise of traffic surveys on a continuing basis. On the basis of recent studies and surveys new bus routes are introduced and some existing routes are modified keeping in view the assessed transport requirements.

Interaction with W.H.O. and other Foreign Agencies

903. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the methods of functioning relating to India's interactions with W.H.O. and other foreign agencies; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is the noral Ministry only for two UN Organisations viz., World Health Organisation (WHO) and United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA). There is no proposal to review the method of interaction with these organisations.

Bus Permits

904. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 16-12-86 under the caption 'Bus permits to be unissued liberally' if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. One of the agreed conclusions in the meeting of Transport Ministers of all States/UTs has been that permits for stage carriages on non-nationalised routes may be given to all the eligible applicants. The proposal has been included as a part of proposed revision of the existing Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.

905. (*Transferred to the 6th March*, 1987)

Conferring Autonomous Status to Colleges by University Grants Commisson

906. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of colleges that have been conferred 'autonomous status' by the University Grants Commission;

(b) whether this system covers colleges imparting only professional or also general education; and

(c) what is the system to monitor and review their functioning for sanctioning University Grants Commission grants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) 'Autonomous

Status' on colleges is not conferred by the University Grants Commission, but by the Universities themselves. A list of existing autonomous colleges is attached as statement (See below):

(b) The scheme covers colleges of both professional as well as general education.

(c) According to the UGC scheme, colleges selected for autonomous status in consultation with the UGE, will be eligible for certain grants as per the norms prescribed in the Scheme. The Scheme also proposes that a review of the functioning of the autonomous colleges should be undertaken by the University after three years and that the Committee should, among others, consist of representatives of the UGC and the concerned State Government.

Statement

List of Autonomous Colleges in India

1. Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirapalli.

2. St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirapalli.

3. P.S.G. College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore.

4. P.S.G. College of Technology, Coimbatore.

5. Sri Avinashlingam Home Science College for Women, Coimbatore.

6. Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Arts & Science College, Coimbatore.

7. Government College of Technology, Coimbatore.

8. Loyla College, Madras.

9. Madras Christian College, Madras.

10. Vivekananda College, Madras.

11. Women's Christian College, Madras.

12. Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education, Madras.

13. Lady Doak College, Madurai.

14. Madurai College, Madurai.

15. The American College, Madurai.

16. S. P. College for Women, Courtalam.

17. University College for Women, Hyderabad.

18. College of Arts and Science, Kamaroddy.

19. Lok-Bharati Seva Mahavidyalaya, Sonosara. Dist. Bhavnagar.

20. Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education, Gwalior.

Vayudoot service between Delhi-Bhatinda and Patiala

907. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vayudoot announced the commencement of its services between Delhi-Bhatinda and Delhi-Patiala with effect from 16th January, 1987, but the same have not started so far; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ond by when the air service is likely to start between the two sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Funds for National Highways in Punjab

908. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for release of funds for National Highways;

(b) the amount of funds allocated to Punjab for this purpose during the last three years;